

public servant and a good friend, the Honorable Anthony "Buddy" Sbona, of Middletown, CT, who passed away on August 4, at the age of 73.

Buddy Sbona served three terms as the mayor of Middletown from 1970 to 1975, and to this day, he remains one of the most popular public figures that city has ever seen. During his term as mayor, Buddy Sbona established Middletown's largest industrial park in the Westfield area. He also established the first full-time attorney's office in the city. From 1958 to 1961, Buddy Sbona served three terms on Middletown's Common Council, and after he left the mayor's office, he spent the next 20 years as Middletown's Town Clerk.

Buddy Sbona was a Republican mayor in a mostly Democratic town. But his appeal transcended party lines. Throughout his career, he was respected and admired by Democrats and Republicans alike—not merely as an elected official, but as a good, honest, and decent human being. His warm and outgoing personality and his enduring friendship were legendary. Even if you didn't always agree with Buddy Sbona's views, it was virtually impossible not to like him.

At 5 foot 5, you might think that Buddy Sbona could walk through City Hall practically unnoticed. But his booming voice, and his tremendous enthusiasm, announced to anyone within earshot that Buddy was in the building, ready to work hard on behalf of the people of Middletown.

Those who worked with Buddy Sbona remember him as a man with real passion for his work, a man who would come to the office each day excited to serve his constituents. That infectious attitude was an inspiration to his staff members, some of whom went on to hold public office themselves. During his later years, and even after he left office, he was an invaluable mentor to newcomers to public service, sharing with them his immense wealth of knowledge about Middletown's history, its politics, and its government.

Outside of the office, Buddy Sbona was a devoted family man who could often be spotted at his son's high school football games at Palmer Field. He was also an active member of St. Sebastian's Church and was the chairman of the Feast of St. Sebastian Committee for a decade.

It is a testimony to how hard Buddy Sbona worked, and how many lives he touched, that on Friday, August 8, all nonemergency city workers in Middletown were given the morning off to attend his funeral. Nearly 30 years after he left the mayor's office, the city of Middletown shut itself down to pay its respects to Buddy Sbona.

I offer my deepest condolences to the people of Middletown, to Buddy's wife Connie, to their sons William and Mark, to the entire Sbona family, and to the countless others whose lives were enriched by Buddy Sbona.●

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT MARK LAWTON

● Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, I rise today to honor one of our fallen heroes of my State and this great Nation. SSG Mark A. Lawton was killed in action while serving our country in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Sergeant Lawton served honorably with the 244th Engineer Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve of Grand Junction, CO. He was one of the many citizens soldiers who took up the charge and left family and career when asked to defend the principles of freedom and democracy. Like all reservists and National Guard members, he balanced his responsibilities to his country with those to all that cared for and depended on him.

Staff Sergeant Lawton's unit was activated in February and are responsible for constructing roads and bridges, improving irrigation and building playgrounds for the children of Iraq. The 244th is creating a better place for Iraqis, and Sergeant Lawton helped raise the quality of life. Colorado is proud of the actions of Sergeant Lawton, the 244th and all of our servicemen and women serving during this operation.

Staff Sergeant Lawton lived in Hayden, CO, with his wife, Sherri, and two sons, Dustin and Tanner.

Mr. President, I rise today to posthumously thank Staff Sergeant Lawton for his service and ultimate sacrifice to this great Nation and applaud him as a hero to Colorado and all of the United States.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:55 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 6). An Act to enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints for the consideration of the House bill and Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference:

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Tauzin, Mr. Bilirakis, Mr. Barton of Texas, Mr. Upton, Mr. Stearns, Mr. Gillmore, Mr. Shimkus, Mr. Dingell, Mr. Waxman, Mr. Markey, Mr. Boucher, and Mr. Rush.

From the Committee on Agriculture, for consideration of sections 30202, 30208, 30212, title III of division C, sections 30604, 30901, and 30903 of the House bill and sections 265, 301, 604, 941-948, 950, 1103, 1221, 1311-1313, and 2008 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Goodlatte, Mr. Lucas of Oklahoma, and Mr. Stenholm.

From the Committee on Armed Services, for consideration of sections 11005, 11010,

14001-14007, 14009-14015, 21805, and 21806 of the House bill and sections 301, 501-507, 509, 513, 809, 821, 914, 920, 1401, 1407-1409, 1411, 1801, and 1803 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Hunter, Mr. Weldon of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Skelton.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of sections 11021, 12014, 14033, and 30406 of the House bill and sections 715, 774, 901, 903, 1505, and 1507 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. McKeon, Mr. Sam Johnson of Texas, and Mr. George Miller of California.

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of division G of the House bill and sections 931-940 and 950 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Oxley, Mr. Ney, and Ms. Waters.

From the Committee on Government Reform for consideration of sections 11002, 11005, 11006, 11010, 11011, 14025, 14033, and 22002 of the House bill and sections 263, 805, 806, 914-916, 918, 920, 1406, 1410 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Tom Davis of Virginia, Mr. Murphy, and Mr. Tierney.

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of sections 12008, 12401, 14014, 14026, 14027, 14028, 14033, 16012, 16045, 16084, 30101, 30210, and 30408 of the House bill and sections 206, 209, 253, 531-532, 708, 767, 783, and 1109 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Sensenbrenner, Mr. Smith of Texas, and Mr. Conyers.

From the Committee on Resources, for consideration of sections 12005, 12007, 12011, 12101, 13001, 21501, 21521-21530, division C, and section 60009 of the House bill and sections 201, 265, 272, 301, 401-407, 602-606, 609, 612, 705, 707, 712, 721, 1234, 1351-1352, 1704, and 1811 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Pombo, Mrs. Cubin, and Mr. Rahall.

Provided, That Mr. Kind is appointed in lieu of Mr. Rahall for consideration of title IV of division C of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference.

From the Committee on Science, for consideration of sections 11009, 11025, 12301-12312, 14001-14007, 14009-14015, 14029, 15021-15024, 15031-15034, 15041, 15045, division B, section 30301, division E, and division F of the House bill and sections 501-507, 509, 513-516, 770-772, 807-809, 814-816, 824, 832, 1001-1022, title XI, title XII, title XIII, title XIV, sections 1502, 1504-1505, title XVI, and sections 1801-1805 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Boehlert, Mrs. Biggert, and Mr. Hall of Texas.

Provided, That Mr. Costello is appointed in lieu of Mr. Hall of Texas for consideration of division E of the House bill, and modifications committed to conference:

Provided further, That Mr. Lampson is appointed in lieu of Mr. Hall of Texas for consideration of section 21708 and division F of the House bill, and sections 824 and 1223 of the Senate amendment and modifications committed to conference.

From the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for consideration of sections 11001-11004, 11006, 11009-11011, 12001-12012, 12014, 12401, 12403, 13001, 13201, 13202, 15021-15024, 15031-15034, 15041, 15043, 15051, 16012, 16021, 16022, 16023, 16031, 16081, 16082, 16092, 23001-23004, 30407, 30410, and 30901 of the House bill and sections 102, 201, 205, 301, 701-783, 812, 814, 816, 823, 911-916, 918-920, 949, 1214, 1261-1262, and 1351-1352 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. Young of Alaska, Mr. Petri, and Mr. Oberstar.

From the Committee on Ways and Means, for consideration of division D of the House